



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

You have received a letter from the National Visa Center (NVC) scheduling an appointment for you to come to the American Consulate in Guayaquil and formally apply for an immigrant visa. All members of your family immigrating with you must appear for the appointment. **This information packet contains 9 pages; please read the entire packet carefully.**

- If you cannot keep your scheduled visa appointment, you may contact our Visa Information Service 1-800-010-145 (from Ecuador) or 1-800-919-5290 (from the United States) to schedule a new interview date.
- No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued on the day of interview. The applicant is advised to **NOT** make any travel arrangements, purchase airline tickets, dispose of any property, or give up employment until the applicant receives the visa.
- The visas are affixed inside each passport and the applicant is given a sealed envelope which should be hand carried, **UNOPENED**, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry.

**** Additional Documentation Requirements ****

You are responsible for ensuring that all required documents are available at the time of the interview. While you may have previously submitted the majority of required documents to the NVC, there are additional documents that you need to bring with you to your interview. **Failure to bring all required documentation to the interview will result in a delay in visa issuance or a visa refusal.** Please review this information carefully and acquire if needed for your visa interview.

Original Birth and Marriage Certificates: If born or married in Ecuador and your birth or marriage was filed in the *Civil Registry Office*, we will only accept the hand-written certificates with the official seal; if your birth or marriage was filed in the *Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil* we can accept the printed version certificate with the official seal (*Please see document samples in pages 5-6*). We **do not** accept computerized or typed forms issued by the *Civil Registry Office*. **IMPORTANT:** If you have children, bring the birth certificate for each one (the same type as indicated above) whether or not they are immigrating with you to the United States.

Original Divorce Certificate: If previous marriages were executed in Ecuador, you must bring the marriage certificate as described above with the annotation of the divorce. (*Please see document sample in page 7*). If they were executed in another country, please bring the divorce decree with the court's original stamp.



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Police Record: Records must be obtained from all the countries where you have lived more than 6 months since the age of 16. Applicants under the age of 18 cannot obtain a police record from Ecuador. Do not bring a police record from the United States.

Medical Examination: All the information pertaining to the medical examination can be found in **page 4**.

U.S. visas previously issued: If you have obtained any type of U.S. non-immigrant visa (for example, tourist visas, student visas, work visas, etc.) you must bring those with you to your interview.

Evidence of relationship: If your status as an intending immigrant depends upon a relationship established between an alien and a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, please be prepared to present suitable documentation to establish the bona-fides of that relationship at the time of your immigrant visa interview. The type of documentation you present will depend on your particular circumstances. Failure to present satisfactory documentation may delay issuance of your immigrant visa.

- **Marital relationship:** Unfortunately, we have found that there is a great deal of fraud involved in marriages or fiancée visas, which confer immigration benefits. This high level of fraud makes it imperative that we see concrete evidence to support your claim to a visa based on marriage or engagement. In the past, the following types of documentation have proven helpful in the adjudication of any of these visa cases:
 - ✓ Photos from you and your spouse taken before, during and after the marriage.
 - ✓ Birth certificates of any children born of the marriage.
 - ✓ Correspondence exchanged between you and your spouse (letters, e-mails).
 - ✓ Telephone bills with calls from the petitioner to the visa beneficiary.
 - ✓ Copy of passport pages from any trips your spouse has taken to visit you, along with the biographic page.
 - ✓ Life and medical insurance policies indicating beneficiaries.
 - ✓ Evidence of joint bank and credit accounts.
 - ✓ Any other convincing documentation that shows that you and your petitioning spouse have or will have a joint residence and have formed an economic and material union. These may include but are not limited to, Lease/Mortgage held jointly, Utility Bills, Evidence of Joint Accounts, Rent Receipts, etc.

Note: You are not required to bring all of these documents. Please bring any evidence you feel convincingly shows that you are in an ongoing relationship.



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

- **Child, Parent, or Sibling relationship:** Birth certificates alone do not establish biological relationships. If your visa application is based on a relationship with a child, parent, or sibling you may wish to bring:
 - ✓ Hospital Records
 - ✓ Baptismal Certificates
 - ✓ School Records
 - ✓ Childhood Immunization Records
 - ✓ Bank Statement or other financial records
 - ✓ Court Reports
 - ✓ Correspondence exchanged (letters, e-mails)
 - ✓ Photographs taken over a period of years of yourself and your relative
 - ✓ Telephone bills with calls from the petitioner to the beneficiary

Generally these documents should cover the span of several years. If you do not have any of the evidence listed above, the consular officer may recommend DNA testing. DNA testing must be supervised and authorized by this office.

- **Step-child relationship:** All step-child visa categories should bring evidence of relationship between the step-parent and the biological parent to the interview. If your visa application is based on a step-child relationship you may wish to bring the documents listed under ***Marital relationship***.



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Medical Examination

- All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age or gender, must have a medical exam. All medical exam expenses are paid for by the applicant.
- To get a medical exam, take your passport and two regulation photographs to one of the doctors listed below. You should also take any vaccination certificates (record of immunizations) you have. The doctor will notify the applicant if he/she is missing any immunizations and what steps to take. The doctor will make the necessary arrangements to perform a chest x-ray, blood test and general health exam.
- After the examination, the doctor will provide a sealed envelope containing the medical exams. You must present this sealed envelope to the Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil at the date and time of your appointment.
- The medical exams will take a minimum of 72 hours. Keep this in mind when planning your medical exams in advance of your appointment at the U.S. Consulate.
- **Adults:** The cost for the medical exam, including chest x-ray, blood tests and general health exam, is \$110 (One hundred and ten US dollars). This cost does not include immunizations, if necessary.
- **Children:** Children under the age of 15 do not need chest x-rays or blood tests unless directed by the doctor. The cost for children's medical exams is \$40 (Forty US dollars). This cost does not include immunizations, if necessary.

Panel Physicians in Quito

Hector Aguilar, MD

Medicentro

6 de Diciembre 4697 y Pasaje Turquía

Telf: 02-2453530 02-2448315

Anibal Sosa, MD

Rodrigo Sosa, MD

Alemania 144 y Eloy Alfaro

Edificio Medical, 5to Piso

Telf: 02-2525102 02-2909777

Panel Physicians in Guayaquil

Aurelio Andrade, MD

Antepara 921 entre 9 de Octubre y Hurtado

1er piso

Telf: 04-2320342 04-2320343

Jorge Chehab, MD

Vélez 503 y Boyacá

2do piso, Oficina 202

Telf: 04-2532092 04-2513663



United States Consulate General Guayaquil, Ecuador

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Ecuadorian Birth Certificate Samples - ACCEPTED documents

Characteristics: If your birth was filed in the **Civil Registry Office** this is the only document accepted. The document must be a direct copy from the records book. It must be the hand written copy. The document has an official seal from the Civil Registry.

Characteristics: If your birth was filed in the **Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil** we can accept the printed version certificate. The document has an official seal from the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil.

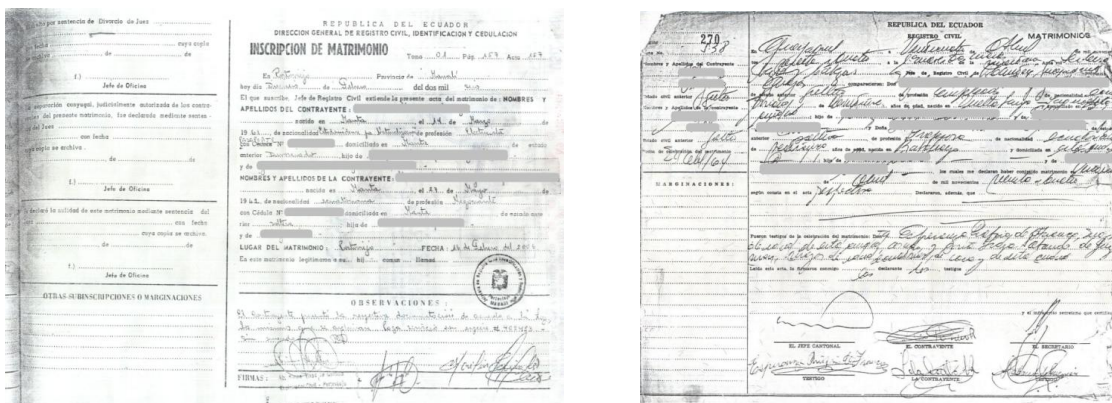


United States Consulate General Guayaquil, Ecuador

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Ecuadorian Marriage Certificate Samples - ACCEPTED documents

Characteristics: If your marriage was filed in the *Civil Registry Office* this is the only document accepted. The document must be a direct copy from the records book. It must be the hand written copy. The document has an official seal from the Civil Registry.



Characteristics: If your marriage was filed in the *Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil* we can accept the printed version certificate. The document has an official seal from the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil.

CORPORACIÓN REGISTRO CIVIL DE GUAYAQUIL			
<p>En la Parroquia Tarqui, del Cantón Guayaquil, Provincia de Guayas, de la República del Ecuador, a 28 día de Noviembre de 2006, ante la Directora Ejecutiva de la CORPORACIÓN REGISTRO CIVIL DE GUAYAQUIL, se inscribe el MATRIMONIO celebrado entre:</p> <p>_____, Cédula Identidad: _____, de nacionalidad Ecuatoriana, nacido en la Parroquia Salitre, del Cantón Salitre, Provincia de Guayas, Ecuador, el día 18 de Octubre de 1965, de profesión xxx, de estado civil anterior Soltero; domiciliado en Guayaquil, Ecuador, hijo de _____, Cédula Identidad: _____, y de _____, Cédula Identidad: _____.</p> <p>_____, Cédula Identidad: _____, de nacionalidad Ecuatoriana; nacida en la Parroquia Balzar, del Cantón Balzar, Provincia de Guayas, Ecuador, el día 23 de Noviembre de 1976, de profesión xxx, de estado civil anterior Soltero; domiciliada en Guayaquil, Ecuador, hija de _____, Cédula Identidad: _____, y de _____, Cédula Identidad: _____.</p> <p>Lugar y fecha de celebración de matrimonio: Parroquia Tarqui, del Cantón Guayaquil, Provincia de Guayas, Ecuador, 28 de Noviembre de 2006.</p> <p>Observaciones: los contrayentes declaran tener 3 hijos en común llamados: _____, DE 9,7 Y 4 AÑOS RESPECTIVAMENTE.</p> <p>_____ Firma DELEGADO CORPORACION REGISTRO CIVIL DE GUAYAQUIL</p>			



United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Ecuadorian Divorce Certificate Sample - **ACCEPTED** document

Characteristics: It must be the marriage certificate as describe below with the annotation or amendment of the divorce on the left side of the document.

REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR
DIRECCION GENERAL DE REGISTRO CIVIL, IDENTIFICACION Y CANCELACION

INSCRIPCION DE MATRIMONIO

Tombo Pag. 1.2.7.2 hasta 1.7.7.2

En Provincia de
hoy de mil novecientos
El que suscribe, Jefe de Registro Civil extiende la presente Acta del matrimonio de

NOMBRES Y APELLIDOS DEL CONTRAYENTE:
....., nacido en el 17 de de
19 de nacionalidad de profesión
con Cédula N° domiciliado en de estado
anterior hijo de

NOMBRES Y APELLIDOS DE LA CONTRAYENTE:
....., nacida en el 11 de de
19 de nacionalidad de profesión
con Cédula N° domiciliada en de estado
anterior hija de

LUGAR DEL MATRIMONIO: **FECHA:**
En este matrimonio legitimaron a sus hijos comunes, llamados:

OBSERVACIONES:

TRAS SUBSCRIPCIONES O MARGINACIONES

del Jefe de Oficina

del Jefe de Oficina



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

- We do **NOT** accept this type of document issued by the Civil Registry Office

REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR
DIRECCION GENERAL DE REGISTRO CIVIL, IDENTIFICACION Y CEDULACION
JEFATURA PROVINCIAL DE: GUAYAS
PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO

CERTIFICO: Que en el registro de nacimientos de la provincia de: GUAYAS
correspondiente a la inscripción de: 1948, tomo: 5, página: 1, acta: GUITO, fecha: 1993
nacido en: GONZALEZ SUAREZ, cantón: PICHINCHA, provincia de: PICHINCHA, el TRES de NOVIEMBRE de MIL CUARENTA Y OCHO, nacionalidad: ECUATORIANA

GUAYAQUIL 16 de MAYO del
Cédula:
Especie Valorada N°: 0013484824

Registro Civil Identificación y Cedulacion de Guayas
Jefe Provincial de Registro Civil

Serie: A
484825

NOTE: If you are not able to get a direct copy from the Civil Registry because the books are lost or have suffered any damage you must bring a letter from your local Civil Registry office including the reasons why they couldn't provide you a direct copy. You must also bring a direct copy of your birth/marriage/divorce certificate from the National Files' books from the Civil Registry's main office in Quito.



**United States Consulate General
Guayaquil, Ecuador**

<http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>

Prohibited Items

The Consular Section is implementing new security procedures to speed interview processing. In order to minimize the amount of time applicants have to wait in line before their interview; the American Consulate General will prohibit applicants from entering the building with anything other than the documents they need for their application.

Applicants should make arrangements before coming to the American Consulate General, so that the only things they have with them when they arrive are their documents. Purses, bags, suitcases, backpacks, cellular phones, cigarettes, lighters, matches, food or beverages, photographic or video devices, radios, computers, nail trimmers, scissors and weapons will not be permitted to be entered to this Consulate.

Limited baby supplies will still be admitted.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL DELAY YOUR VISA APPLICATION